

PRIMARY RESEARCH QUESTIONS
SACPA EVALUATION
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COST-OFFSET

1. What offender incarceration costs are saved because of SACPA?
2. What jail/prison construction costs are saved in anticipation of SACPA effects and as a result of SACPA effects?
3. Does the legislated SACPA funding allocation suffice for adequate treatment and supervision of all eligible SACPA offenders?
4. What additional funds are allocated or accessed to support treatment and supervision of SACPA offenders?

CLIENT OUTCOMES

1. What is the effect of SACPA on offender recidivism?
2. What is the effect of SACPA on offender drug use?
3. Is recidivism lower among SACPA offenders who participate in treatment (of various types) than among those who do not; is it lower among those who complete treatment than among those who do not?
4. What is the effect of SACPA on overall crime trends?
5. What is the effect of SACPA on offender employment?
6. What is the effect of SACPA on welfare dependency of offenders and their families?
7. What is the effect of SACPA on the well-being of offenders' families (e.g., custody of children regained, domestic violence reduced, and child mistreatment reduced)?

IMPLEMENTATION

1. How many SACPA-eligible offenders enter treatment, complete treatment, and complete probation/parole?
2. What procedures are used for needs/risk assessment, treatment placement, and probation/parole supervision for SACPA-eligible offenders?
3. How do sectors of the criminal justice and treatment systems respond to SACPA?

LESSONS LEARNED

1. What barriers arose in implementing SACPA, and how were those barriers addressed?
2. What are SACPA's "promising practices?"
3. How can SACPA implementation be improved?